What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I)

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10 wherein:

one of Z_1 , Z_2 , Z_3 , Z_4 and Z_5 is N, one is CR^{1a} and the remainder are CH, or one or two of Z_1 , Z_2 , Z_3 , Z_4 and Z_5 are independently CR^{1a} and the remainder are CH;

R¹ and R^{1a} are independently hydrogen; hydroxy; (C₁₋₆)alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino any of which is optionally N-substituted by one or two (C₁₋₆)alkyl, acyl or (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl groups, CONH₂, hydroxy, (C₁₋₆)alkylthio, heterocyclylthio, heterocyclyloxy, arylthio, aryloxy, acylthio, acyloxy or (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyloxy; (C₁₋₆)alkoxy-substituted(C₁₋₆)alkyl;
halogen; (C₁₋₆)alkyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; trifluoromethoxy; nitro; cyano; azido; acyl; acyloxy; acylthio; (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphoxide; arylsulphonyl; arylsulphoxide or an amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino group optionally N-substituted by one or two (C₁₋₆)alkyl, acyl or (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl groups; provided that when Z₁, Z₂, Z₃, Z₄ and Z₅ are CR^{1a} or CH, then R¹ is not hydrogen;

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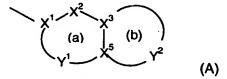
each R^2 is independently hydrogen, OH, NH₂, substituted or unsubstituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted (C₁₋₆)alkoxy;

R³ is H, or substituted or unsubstituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ is a group -U-R⁵ where

5 U is selected from CH2, C=O, and SO2 and

R⁵ is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted bicyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system (A):



10 containing up to four heteroatoms in each ring in which

ring (a) is aromatic and ring (b) is non-aromatic;

X¹ is C;

X² is N or CR⁶;

X³ and X⁵ are C;

15 Y¹ is a 0 to 3 atom linker group, each atom of which is independently selected from N and CR⁶;

 Y^2 is a 2 to 6 atom linker group, each atom of Y^2 being independently selected from N, NR⁸, O, S(O)x, CO, CR⁶ and CR⁶R⁷:

each of R⁶ and R⁷ is independently selected from: hydrogen; (C₁₋₄)alkylthio; halo; carboxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; halo(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; formyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl; hydroxy; hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; mercapto(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxy; nitro; cyano; carboxy; amino or
wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylsulphonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylsulphonyl; or aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally mono- or di-substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl; aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy;

each R^8 is independently hydrogen; trifluoromethyl; (C_{1-4}) alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl; (C_{2-4}) alkenyl; aryl; aryl; aryl; aryl; arylcarbonyl; heteroarylcarbonyl; (C_{1-4}) alkylcarbonyl; formyl; (C_{1-6}) alkylsulphonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-4}) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-4}) alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-4}) alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-4}) alkenylcarbonyl, (C_{1-4}) alkyl or (C_{2-4}) alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-4}) alkyl or (C_{2-4}) alkenyl; and x is 0, 1, or 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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- 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein Z_5 is CH or N, Z_3 is CH or CF and Z_1 , Z_2 and Z_4 are each CH, or Z_1 is N, Z_3 is CH or CF and Z_2 , Z_4 and Z_5 are each CH.
- 15 3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is methoxy and R^{1a} is H or when Z_3 is CR^{1a} it may be C-F.
 - 4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein in the heterocyclic ring (A) Y^2 has 3-5 atoms including NR⁸, O or S bonded to X^5 and NHCO bonded via N to X^3 , or O or NH bonded to X^3 .
 - 5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen; hydroxy; halo; or (C_{1-4}) alkyl substituted or unsubstituted by hydroxy, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, (C_{1-6}) alkylthio, halo or trifluoromethyl; (C_{2-4}) alkenyl; (C_{1-4}) alkoxycarbonyl.

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- 6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁵ is selected from 1H-Indol-2-yl, quinolin-8-ol-2-yl, 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazine-6-yl, 4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl, 4-Fluoro-1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl, 3,6-dimethyl-3H-benzooxazol-2-one, 4H-benzo[1,4]thiazin-3-one-6-yl, 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-yl, 4-Oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b][1,4]thiazepine-7-yl, 7-Chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-yl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazine-6-yl, and 4H-
- 7. A compound according to claim 1 which is:

pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl.

35 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-

quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;

- 4-Oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b][1,4]thiazepine-7-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
- 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-
- 5 quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 - 7-Chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 - 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(8-fluoro-6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
- 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(S)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 - 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-
- [1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazine-6-carboxylic acid (3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 - (R)-3-{3-[(1H-Indol-2-ylmethyl)-methyl-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;
- 20 (R)-3-{3-[(Benzo[1,2,5]thiadiazole-5-ylmethyl)-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;

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- (R)-3-{3-[(1H-Indol-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;
- (R)-3-{3-[(8-Hydroxy-quinolin-2-ylmethyl)-methyl-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;
- (R)-3-{3-[(4-Fluoro-1H-benzoimidazol-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;
- 6-({3-[(R)-5-(6-Methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl-4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one;

(R)-3-{3-[(8-Hydroxy-quinolin-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-propyl}-5-(6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one;

- (6-({3-[(R)-5-(6-Methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl-4H-benzo[1,4]thiazin-3-one;
- 6-({3-[(R)-5-(6-Methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-3-one;
 - 6-({3-[(R)-5-(8-Fluoro-6-methoxy-quinolin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-3-one;
 - 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid{3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-
- [1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-2,2-dimethyl-propyl}-amide;
 2,3-Dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 6-({3-[5-(6-Methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-3-one;
- 6-({3-[5-(6-Methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-3-one;
 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {(R)-2-hydroxy-3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide;
 6-({(S)-2-Hydroxy-3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-
- propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-3-one;
 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {(S)-2-hydroxy-3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl}-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propyl}-amide; or
 6-({(R)-2-Hydroxy-3-[(R)-5-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-propylamino}-methyl)-4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-3-one; or
- a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
 - 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 30 9. A method of treating bacterial infections in mammals which comprises the administration to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.